

## REPORTED DEATH OF BANDIT VILLA

Body Said to Have Been  
Found in Grave in  
Uniform

## DIED IN GREAT AGONY

Tortured by Wound, Was Out of His  
Head at Times, But He Cursed  
Gringos to the End

El Paso, April 17.—If Villa is dead, as reported, army officials here are anxious that the body of the bandit leader be identified by Americans, as well as Mexicans.

A train left Juarez for Chihuahua before dawn today with a small group of Americans, including a number who knew him intimately. They expected to meet at Chihuahua the body taken from the lonely grave in the mountains west of Satevo which Carranza authorities say is that of Villa. The grave was pointed out by a former Villista colonel in return for amnesty.

All indications are that this story of the Villa end is reliable, although as yet not officially confirmed. Villa was once treated by El Paso specialists, and these experts declare that owing to his physical condition gangrene would have followed in case Villa was wounded, unless the wound received skillful attention.

El Paso, April 17.—Francisco Villa, the bandit chief, is dead according to seemingly trustworthy reports which reached here yesterday. His body will be brought to the border for identification.

Villa's body was taken out of a lonely grave on a ranch near Francisco Vargas' ranch in Chihuahua and positively identified, according to Mexican official advices and private messages from San Antonio, Mexico. The bandit died from gangrene as a result of a wound in his left knee.

If the death of Villa, generally credited on the border, is true the United States Army, it is taken for granted, will be withdrawn immediately from Mexico, the object of its entry having been accomplished.

The story of the finding of the body came from several sources. First, Carranza officials received message from San Antonio, Chihuahua, confirmed the finding of the body and gave the details. This message said that a former Villa colonel, captured by General Cavaos, a Carranza commander, offered, if his life were spared, to show where Villa was buried. The offer was accepted and he led a command under Col. Carlos Carranza, nephew of the First Chief of the Constitution, to the lonely grave of the former Mexican Czar.

By accident Gen. Cavaos, who fought with Villa at Guerrero and whose forces drove the Villistas out of the town, made a prisoner of a colonel formerly on the staff of Villa. The prisoner admitted that he had been with his chief in his last days and said he was present at burial. For the price of his life he offered to convey the Carranzistas to the grave, where they could exhume the body and satisfy themselves. Gen. Cavaos detailed Col. Carranza for the command and gave him explicit orders to shoot the former Villista if he attempted to get away or his story proved false. They were sent out from Susi, the informer asserting that Villa's body could be found on the Francisco Vargas ranch, 30 miles south.

Yesterday morning messengers brought in the news, according to the dispatches from San Antonio and Madera, that the body had been taken out of its grave and had been positively identified. Villa had been buried it was stated, as he had caused so many others to be interred, with his fighting clothes on and without any sort of a covering except his everyday wearing apparel. The message from San Antonio today said Villa's trousers on his right leg had been split because of the terrible swelling resulting from the gangrene in the gunshot wound received at Guerrero.

That the bandit chief suffered great agony before his death is reported from many sources.

This was confirmed when a party

of seven Mexicans reached Juarez and said that they had escaped from Villa at Satevo, at which time he was believed to be dying, but was riding night and day, cursing the Americans in one breath and crying out in pain in another. These men were being held prisoners by Villa, they said, but as death drew nearer and his men were driven off into various small bands by the continued attacks of the American and Carranza troops, he was unable to guard his prisoners and they escaped. One of the men, after learning the story that the body of Villa had been dug up and identified, said:

"We knew when we left Villa that he could not live. His leg had swollen so large that his trousers leg had been cut open. The wound was an ugly, gaping one, full of pus and pieces of broken bones, which were protruding.

"He had only the services of a native doctor when shot, and the doctor did the best he could to remove the pieces of bone from the knee with his pocketknife. There was nothing with which to prevent blood poisoning, and the first day after the wound we felt sure that Villa would die, for we had seen his men and our own (prisoners, Carranza soldiers) die from failure to have their wounds treated, and we knew the awful agony that men suffered under such conditions.

"Villa was brave, however, and he rode even on horseback when an ordinary man would have given up. When we heard him scream with pain we knew that he was suffering terribly, for he was not a man to give way to pain, and when he was wounded those who saw the wound dressed said that he never uttered a groan as the doctor probed for the broken bones with a knife.

"As the poison began to get into his system Villa had a high fever, and at times he seemed out of his head, but he never forgot to curse the gringos. His fever was so high that his face was swollen and his brown, sunburned skin became red with the fire of the fever. His lips were parched and his tongue was swollen so that he could scarcely make himself understood when we saw him last at San Antonio. He was heading south and we were sure that he would die before he could go much farther. I was surprised that he got 30 miles from where we last saw him."

## RESIGNATION OF PASTOR.

Dev. Dr. McDaniel Will Leave First Baptist Church of Richmond.

Richmond, April 11.—George W. McDaniel, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, surprised his congregation in the services yesterday morning by tendering his resignation, to take effect on August 1. The announcement, unheralded by previous suggestion, and, it is said, entirely unexpected, was made after the administering of the Holy Communion. Dr. McDaniel immediately afterwards left the pulpit, retiring to his study, and D. S. McCarthy, chairman of the board of deacons, called a business meeting of the congregation, to determine what action should be taken. A viva voce vote was taken and the congregation voted unanimously to decline acceptance of the resignation and to make every effort possible to urge Dr. McDaniel to remain in his present pastorate.

It was stated that Dr. McDaniel, so far as his public announcement was concerned, and so far as his closest friends and advisers were aware, had not received a call to another church. Members of the congregation were averse to discussing reports that the action of Dr. McDaniel has resulted from criticism of a recent sermon on church music. It was stated that he has had the thought of resigning in his mind for weeks and that any recent comment had had little or nothing to do with his decision.

On a recent Sunday morning Dr. McDaniel is reported to have urged upon his people more general participation in the singing, suggesting that it was not in accordance with the spirit of true worship to pay others to sing for them. As the church has a paid choir of widely-known singers and has for years made much of the musical part of the service the pastor's remarks were construed by some in the light of criticism, and the sermon has been more or less discussed among musical people.

NORFOLK OYSTERS A SPECIALTY  
STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB  
BRILL'S FOOT OF KING STREET.

## WILL CONTEST PAYMENT OF FINE

Dalton Company Appeals to  
United States Supreme  
Court

## FIGHTS LICENSE TAX

Denies Right of Corporation Commission to Charge Fee for Authority to Do Business

Richmond, April 17.—Local counsel for the Dalton Adding Machine Company, an Illinois corporation, are engaged in preparing an appeal to the United States Supreme Court from the decision of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, in which the State Corporation Commission is upheld in assessing against this company a fine of \$1,000 for failure to provide itself with a certificate of authority to do business in this State.

The adding machine company is represented by Attorney Harold S. Bloomberg, who has already obtained from Judge Keith, of the State Supreme Court, his consent to the appeal. Papers will be laid before the United States Supreme Court probably tomorrow.

The case has been before the courts for several years and was instituted originally in the Circuit Court of Richmond. Its settlement will determine finally a contested construction of the commerce clause of the Federal Constitution vesting in Congress the sole right to control interstate business.

In this case the State Corporation Commission required the Dalton Adding Machine Company to provide itself with a certificate of authority to do business in Virginia as is required of all foreign corporations operating in this State. It was set forth by the commission that the adding machine company is doing an intrastate business in maintaining sales offices in Virginia from which are carried on related renting and repairing activities designed to serve its Virginia customers. The offices, it was pointed out, also sell ribbons for use in the machines and supply parts.

The company replied that its business was strictly interstate in character, and therefore beyond the jurisdiction of the State authorities. It pointed out that no adding machines are sold from stock carried on hand at the local agencies. Every order for a machine, the company pointed out, is taken subject to final ratification by the home office, in Illinois and deliveries made only after the order is there accepted. The sale, therefore, it was claimed, is made directly from the home office and constitutes an act of interstate commerce.

In passing on the question the State Supreme Court of Appeals in an opinion by Judge Kelly, adopted as its own the decision of the State Corporation Commission, holding that the company was engaged in what is essentially intrastate business, and is therefore liable for the fine assessed against it for failure, after notice, to take out a certificate of authority. The opinion expressed the conviction that the plan of doing business followed by the adding machine company was little more than a device to evade a proper tax.

## FEAST OF PASSOVER

Symbolism Commemorates Release of Children of Israel from Bondage

At sunset this evening the Jewish feast of Pesach (Passover) will be begun in the Washington Street Synagogue.

This feast commemorates the redemption of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt. Liberty is, therefore, its keynote.

The spirit of Passover will be interpreted in the service. In the homes it is marked by the use of a service called the "Seder."

The service for the home consists of the story of the exodus from Egypt, songs appropriate for the occasion and a number of psalms.

## TROLLEY POLES SAWED DOWN

Traffic Interrupted on Falls Church Line and Strikers Are Blamed

Four trolley poles supporting the wires along the Falls Church division of the Washington-Virginia Railway were sawed down so that they fell across the tracks near Fort Myer early yesterday morning. Officials of the company last night charged that "the crime was committed by strikers or sympathizers who are known to have been in the neighborhood early this morning."

The blockade tied up the line for two hours, but traffic was finally resumed at about 9 o'clock in the morning. The motorman of the first car that left the Lacy barn in the morning discovered the four poles and dangling wires across the tracks, and was barely able to stop in time. He reported the matter and a wrecking crew was sent to the scene and cleared the line.

It was said at the company's offices yesterday that, if necessary, a reward would be offered for the capture of the guilty parties, and Superintendent King was quoted as saying that "sentences of fourteen years in the penitentiary await the man who sawed down those poles. Had any one been killed by the presence of the poles on the tracks the perpetrators would face charges of murder."

## LOCAL BREVITIES

The subject of the Holy week services at the Methodist Protestant Church tonight at 8 p. m. will be "The Authority of Christ."

In police court this morning Orin Beach, charged with having in his possession stolen property, was fined \$10. Martha Myers, a colored girl, charged with robbing a white man of \$33 was dismissed.

Representative Charles C. Carlin, has accepted an invitation to be one of the speakers at the Maunday Thursday banquet of Randolph Chapter of the Rose Croix on Thursday night. He will speak on "Our Country."

William Haddock, 72 years old, a native of England, died Saturday afternoon at the home of his son, J. W. Haddock, 901 Prince Street. He is survived by seven children. His remains were sent to Richmond yesterday for interment.

Funeral services for Ernest C. Robins, who died in San Francisco on March 25th, were held yesterday and were conducted by the Rev. P. P. Phillips, pastor of St. Paul's Church. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

The steamer Dorothy, which arrived here several days ago with a cargo of phosphate rock consigned to the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company, sailed last night for Norfolk, where it will load coal for Boca Grand Fla.

Funeral services yesterday for Dr. T. H. McKeown, of Congress Heights D. C., who died in Petersburg, Va., as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident, were held at Grace P. E. Church, and conducted by Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector, assisted by Rev. S. A. Wallis, D. D., of the Episcopal Theological Seminary. Members of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons attended and conducted services at the grave.

## ST. PAUL'S CHOIR.

As announced in Saturday's Gazette the choir of St. Paul's Church will sing "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Theodore DuBois, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

This beautiful composition of sacred music is sung annually in many of the larger Protestant Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches during Holy Week.

The solo parts are written for soprano, tenor and baritone and will be sung by Mrs. Harrie White, Kenneth Ogden and Wilmer J. Waller. The work abounds in effective dramatic choruses.

Miss Caroline Kast, violinist, will play "Meditation" by Massenet, at the offertory, which will be for the choir fund.

The service is under the direction of Sherman B. Fowler, the organist of the church. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and enjoy this service.

## MRS. SUPPLEE'S BODY IS FOUND

Remains of Husband and  
Wife Will Be Brought  
To This City

## TO BE INTERRED HERE

Supposed Mrs. Supplee Fell In  
to River and Husband Plunged in  
After Her

The bodies of Dr. Eugene D. Supplee and his wife, Mrs. Florence Louise Gore Supplee, who were drowned while making the trip from Richmond to City Point, Va., in a canoe on April 2nd, will be brought to Alexandria tomorrow morning and taken to the undertaking establishment of Benedict Wheatley. A double funeral will in all probability take place from there tomorrow afternoon and burial will be in Bethel Cemetery. Dr. Supplee was a son of Joseph E. Supplee, who was the first mayor of the town of Potomac, Alexandria county, eight years ago. Mr. Supplee is now living in Washington at 311 A street, northeast. He is an employee of the Washington Star. Dr. Supplee spent his boyhood in Alexandria county and left there to enter college.

Mrs. Supplee who was a native of Washington, was a daughter of Mrs. Annie Gore, 114 Third street, northeast. Her body was recovered yesterday afternoon by employees of the Du Pont Powder Company, floating in the river, several miles below the point where the accident occurred. Dr. Supplee's body was recovered a week ago and has been held in Richmond since that time.

The body of Mrs. Supplee, was found floating in the Appomattox River off City Point, yesterday afternoon. A comparison between Dr. Supplee's watch and the time the body was discovered yesterday by J. A. Croy, C. F. Myers and W. R. Simpson, of the Du Pont force, showed that the body had been in the water exactly two weeks with the exception of two and one-half hours.

Croy and his friends were boating on the river and saw the object, which at first appeared to be a log, floating near them. They approached closer to it, and recognized in it the partially nude body of a woman. Simpson secured it with a rope, and the body was towed to the City Point wharf. Here Coroner J. H. Hargrave viewed it and determined that it was the body of Mrs. Supplee.

Decomposition was well advanced, it is said, and it is feared that it may be impossible to embalm the body. However, nothing was noticed yesterday about the body which would lead Coroner Hargrave to believe Mrs. Supplee had been the victim of foul play.

Mrs. Supplee and her husband, a stalwart young man of less than thirty and well known as an expert swimmer and oarsman, left Richmond Sunday morning, April 2, for the canoe trip to City Point, where the physician was employed in the Du Pont plant. Dr. Supplee had recently purchased a 16-foot canvas canoe, and was making his initial trip in it.

One of the most plausible explanations of the manner in which the accident occurred was offered yesterday by J. E. Solenzo, manager of the Curle's Neck Farm, and one of the men who has given considerable time to assist the searchers in recovering the bodies. Mr. Colenzo is of the opinion that the long trip down the river in the uneasy canoe, accentuated by the tossing of the frail craft and the dazling waves of the rough water, caused Mrs. Supplee to become dizzy, the fact that marks were found on the canoe edges where she had gripped the gunwales so fiercely that the perspiration had removed portions of the paint is taken as evidence of her uncertainty and perhaps of her fear for the safety of herself and her husband.

Mr. Colenzo thinks it possible that the dizziness became so great as to cause Mrs. Supplee to grow faint and to topple out of the canoe into the river, the canoe shipping a quantity of water as it careened when she fell

overboard. Dr. Supplee, overheated and tired, is thought to have plunged into the stream immediately to the rescue of his wife. But it is thought doubtful if he ever succeeded in reaching her.

His body being greatly overheated it is thought, that he was taken with a severe cramp as soon as he entered the cold water, and that he found it impossible to move, once he was in the stream. The physician and his wife are thought to have drowned within a few feet of one another without being able to give mutual assistance. Mr. Colenzo said yesterday that he had not seen any hair in the hands of the physician when the body was recovered, but that the fingers were half-clutched and rigid, and the body drawn together as is the case when cramps attack a person.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sixteenth Annual State Convention  
Will Be Held in Alexandria  
Next Week.

Preparations for the sixteenth annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus in Virginia to be held in this city on May 8th, and 10th, are being made by Fitzgerald Council, No. 459, of this city.

The councils of Alexandria, Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News, Portsmouth, Roanoke, Staunton and Petersburg, are to be represented by 2 delegates each, and the state officers also will be present. Thomas E. Dyson, of this city, is state advocate and Fitzgerald council, will be represented by Martin E. Greene, grand knight, and Charles T. Hellmuth, past grand knight.

The plans for the entertainment provide for a banquet on May 9th, followed by a ball in the Elks auditorium and trips to Arlington, Mt. Vernon and other points of interest the following day.

## CARDINALS WIN YESTERDAY

The Cardinal Athletic Club baseball team yesterday defeated the strong Palais Royal nine of Washington by the score—Cardinals, 13; Palais Royal 6. Merchant on the first sack and Devers on third captured everything in their territory. Giovannetti and Purdy were the heavy hitters. O'Donnell the fleet-footed lad, had three tallies to his credit. Gainer of the Alexandria High School pitched for the Cardinals the first five innings and performed well, striking out six men, and his timely hit sending two men over the plate with scores. Albaugh finished the game. For the Palais Royal, Evans and the Moreland twins were the stars.

## ECHO OF THE PAST

In a short talk yesterday with an Alexandria delegation, who called on him by engagement of several days standing, President Johnson severely criticized the action of Judge Underwood, who, it seems, rushed a case in his court to a final decision so that he might be the first judiciary to pass on the peace proclamation recently issued by the President. The President was mild enough in his comments, but he made it very plain to those who heard his remarks that he regards Underwood as something of a humbug and a fraud.

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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Miss Juanita Hammersley daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hammersley, will celebrate her eighteenth birthday tonight at a dansant at Odd Fellows' Hall, where a large party of young friends will assemble and vie in the honors of the occasion.

## SPARTANS DEFEAT EAGLES

In an interesting game of ball at the old North Alfred Street grounds yesterday the Spartan A. C., of Washington triumphed over the Alexandria Eagles, 4 to 1. The pitching of "Dolly" Gray, the Spartan's crack twirler, featured. Batteries: Eagles, White and Jones; Spartans, Gray and Wright. Umpire "Mike" Woods.

## SHRINER'S NOTICE

Members of the committee of Alexandria Nobles of the Mystic Shrine which has in charge the arrangements for the visit to this city of Acca Temple on April 28th, are requested to meet over Taylor's Drug Store on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

E. E. DOWNHAM, Chairman.

Martha Washington Candies. Fresh every day, at P. O. Cockey's 325 King.

## WILL BRING WAR TO END AT VERDUN

General Petain Quotes Kaiser as Thus Addressing  
His Troops

## FRENCH OPTIMISTIC

French Commander in General Order  
Tells Army to "Have Courage: We  
Will Get Them"

Paris, April 17.—A semi-official note issued reviews the recent operations about Verdun and gives an order of the day of Gen. Petain, commanding at Verdun, in praise of the resistance of the French troops to the recent offensive of the Germans. The note concludes:

"The Emperor some days ago reviewed one of the divisions engaged in the region between Douaumont and Vaux, and it was there that he said: 'The war of 1870 was decided at Paris. The present war must end at Verdun.'"

Gen. Petain's order is as follows: "The 9th of April is a glorious day for our arms. The furious assaults of the soldiers of the Crown Prince have been everywhere broken. Infantrymen, artillerymen, sappers, and aviators of the Eleventh Army were rivals in heroism. Honor to all.

"The Germans, without doubt, will attack again. Let every one work and watch to obtain the same success as Saturday. Have courage. We will get them."

Discussing this movement, the semi-official note says:

"During the period from April 9, to 15, the German Army made a double effort in the region north of Verdun on both banks of the Meuse. Following the operations begun on March 19, the enemy, master of Malancourt since March 30 and of Bethincourt, evacuated voluntarily by us on the night of April 8 and 9, held points of passage on Forges brook, and was able to debouch therefrom.

"On April 9 he began a general offensive along the entire front between Haucourt and Cumieres. At the same time he attacked west and north of Avocourt, in Malancourt wood and on the right bank of the Meuse as far as the wood and farm of Haudremont.

"The German troops were repulsed everywhere except south of Bethincourt, where they succeeded in gaining an advanced work destroyed by heavy artillery. On Cote Pivree they obtained a foothold in a trench east of Vacherauville.

"The fighting continued on the 10th in the region of Bethincourt and towards Le Martre Homme. On the 12 the adversary made a local attack on Caurettes wood, east of Cumieres.

"Large forces were used. Between Haucourt and the Meuse alone we identified, through prisoners, 12 regiments belonging to five different divisions, two of which were engaged for the first time."

A French infantry attack in the Verdun region south of Douaumont Saturday resulted in the capture of portions of some German trenches, the War Office announced yesterday afternoon. Two hundred Germans were taken prisoners.

"The bombardment continued Saturday night on the left bank of the Meuse, in the sector between Avocourt and Caurettes wood," the statement says. "On the right bank we delivered a spirited attack toward the end of Saturday against German positions south of Douaumont. This effort, which was completely successful, made it possible for us to occupy certain elements of the enemy's trenches and capture 200 men of whom two were officers.

"In the Woivre our first operations were bombarded intensively. There was no important event on the remainder of the front, except the usual cannonading."

Berlin, April 17.—After extensive bombardments, large French forces on the Verdun front attacked German positions near Fort Douaumont Saturday. The German War Office statement says the French were repulsed with heavy losses.